

## OPINION 798

*LYGAEUS QUADRATUS* FABRICIUS, 1798 (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA):  
DESIGNATION OF A NEOTYPE UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the type specimen of *Lygaeus quadratus* Fabricius, 1798, at present labelled as such in the Paris Museum, is hereby set aside, and the specimen described by Scudder & Wagner, 1964, is hereby designated as neotype of that species.

(2) The specific name *quadratus* Fabricius, 1798, as published in the binomen *Lygaeus quadratus*, as interpreted, under the plenary powers, by the neotype designated by Scudder & Wagner, 1964, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2180.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1560)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. G. G. E. Scudder and Dr. E. Wagner in May 1964. The application was sent to the printer on 13 July 1964 and was published on 26 November 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 357–359. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 June 1966 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)36 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 359. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 16 September 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—seventeen (17), received in the following order: China, Lemche, Brinck, Boschma, Vokes, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Binder, do Amaral, Uchida, Tortonese, Kraus, Mayr, Mertens, Forest, Alvarado, Evans.

Negative votes—two (2): Holthuis, Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Hubbs, Munroe.

Commissioners Ride, Stoll, Simpson and Bonnet returned late affirmative votes.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

*Dr. L. B. Holthuis* (24.vi.66): Either the specimen in the Kiel collection, which may be one of the syntypes of the species should be selected lectotype or neotype; or a specimen from as near as possible to the type locality (Paris), and not one from Germany, should be made the neotype.

*Dr. C. W. Sabrosky* (22.vii.66): I do not object to the aim of the proposal, but a neotype from "Northern Germany" is scarcely appropriate, under Article 75(5), for a species collected from "near Paris".

## ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for a name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:  
*quadratus*, *Lygaeus*, Fabricius, 1798, *Suppl. Ent. syst.* : 232.

The following is the original reference for the description of a neotype for the species concerned in the present Ruling:  
For *Lygaeus quadratus* Fabricius, 1798 : Scudder & Wagner, 1964, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 359.

## CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)36 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 798.

G. OWEN EVANS  
*Secretary*

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6 October 1966